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SUBJECT: NCNA ON U.S. AND SOVIET FOREIGN AID

1. IN A LOW-KEY REPORT NCNA (APRIL 25) NOTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$5,180 MILLION IN FOREIGN AID, INCLUDING MILITARY AID OF \$1,925,500,000 FOR FY 1975. NCNA COMMENTED THAT THE REQUEST "DOES NOT CONCEAL THE FACT" THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE IS "A WISE INVESTMENT" UNDERTAKEN IN THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST AND IS "ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL TOOLS" OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

2. CHARACTERIZING THE INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO THE MID-EAST
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AS A REFLECTION OF THE INTENSIFIED U.S.-SOVIET CONTENTION IN

THE AREA, NCNA NOTED THAT THE MESSAGE REQUESTS \$350 MILLION IN MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL "TO MAINTAIN HER SO-CALLED 'ABILITY TO DEFEND HERSELF'," \$250 MILLION FOR "SUPPORT ASSISTANCE" TO EGYPT AND \$207,500,000 IN MILITARY AID TO JORDAN. LUMPING INDO-CHINA TOGETHER, NCNA OBSERVED THAT THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN ECONOMIC AID TO \$939,800,000 FOR "THE SAIGON REGIME, THE LON NOL PUPPET REGIME, AND LAOS" WAS "TO PROTECT" U.S. INTERESTS IN THE AREA. IT DID NOT GIVE THE SPECIFIC FIGURE ON AID TO PHNOM PENH.

3. THE REPORT CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH RECENT VIRULENT NCNA ATTACKS ON GROMYKO'S UNGA SPEECH IN WHICH THE CHINESE EQUATED SOVIET ASSISTANCE WITH PLUNDER AND CHARGED THAT GROMYKO'S "LIES" WERE REFUTED BY SOVIET PLUNDER AND CONTROL OF MID-EAST OIL AND ITS EAST EUROPEAN SATELLITES. MOREOVER, NCNA POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET AID WAS NOT CONDITION-FREE, BUT ATTACHED WITH "ALL KINDS OF HARSH POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY TERMS. IN PLAYING DIRTY AND CUNNING TRICKS IN THIS REGARD," NCNA ADDED, THE SOVIETS HAVE "EXCELLED AND GONE FARTHER THAN ITS MASTER--OLD TIME IMPERIALISM."
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